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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Although I live in Berkeley, California, just about in the middle of everything internet I don't have any acceptable option for high speed internet! The best I can get is DSL speeds of 6Mb/s. Even this comes bundled with a landline phone number that I pay for even though I never use it. My only other option is a cable provider where I have to pay more and get even more bundled services I don't want.

The obvious solution is competition from other providers. I'm a baby boomer so I still remember that competition is one of the basic requirements for a functioning capitalist economy. Somehow that idea has been lost and as a result we are seeing more and more people become disillusioned about our economic system. I think it was back in the 70's when the PSTN was opened up to competition leading to all kinds of competition and innovation. The FCC needs to go back to basic principles and open up more channels for innovation, including for high speed internet.

Thanks for listening.

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